from the Metropolis. It was also suggested to the Company that the "Malabar Express" may be re-designated as "Malabar and Cochin Express" and may be run as one train from Madras to Shoranur and vice versa and bifurcated at Shoranur, one portion going to Calicut and the other portion going to Ernakulam.

84. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the fact that the Train "Cochin Express" has been discontinued with effect from 1st June 1939;

(*b*) are the Government aware of the serious inconvenience felt by the trading and commercial people, on account of the delay in getting letters from Madras and other places, as a result of the discontinuance of the "Cochin Express";

(*c*) were the Government consulted before this train was discontinued?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* The Hon'ble Member's attention is drawn to the answer to question No. 83.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Is there any practice, Sir, of the company placing these matters before the Railway Advisory Board before they take final decision?

Mr. President: With regard to consultation with the Government, according to the terms of the agreement, they are not bound to consult us. But, as a matter of courtesy, they simply send the information and we make representations. It has been acted upon now with regard to Malabar and Cochin Express and the change of time.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women):* Will the Government be pleased to suggest that two or three carriages may be attached from Ernakulam to Mangalore and Mangalore to Ernakulam so that the passengers may not be put to inconvenience?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to arrange additional trains from Poonkunnam to Ernakulam and Ernakulam to Poonkunnam?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* In fact we are pressing upon the Railway Authorities the necessity of running additional trains.

GENERAL ELECTIONS OF 1113 AND BYE-ELECTIONS— EXPENDITURE ON.

85. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(*a*) the total cost to the Government for the General Elections in the year 1113;

(*b*) the cost of the bye-elections in Cheruthuruthi and Mattancheri;

(*c*) the cost for the Election Enquiry questioning the validity of the election of the Members from Nemmara and Mattancheri General Constituencies?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Rs. 4,201—6—9.

(*b*) (1) Cheruthuruthi Rs. 169—11—6.

(2) Mattancheri Rs. 205— 9—0.

Total Rs. 375— 4—6.

(*c*) Rs. 1,233—15—0.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* May I know whether these figures include travelling allowances to Polling Officers?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* No. Those are debited to separate departments.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Is it not part of the election expenses?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* That may be. But the officers when they travel on any business are given T. A. from the respective departments. That is the practice.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* This should be collected and included in the election expenses.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* It is very difficult.

CHITTUR MAGISTRATE'S CAMP AT NEMMARA.

86. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Magistrate of Chittur used to camp at Nemmara formerly for hearing criminal cases;

(*b*) has the practice been stopped now;

(*c*) if so, what are the reasons for discontinuing the practice?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government :*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

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